

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
B.S.A.

DATE April 30, 1968

Full Name Bakelaar, John Philip
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 124 Johnson St.

City Highland Park State New Jersey

Age 29 (DOB 6/10/39) (This is important and should be exact)

Born in Greenport, New York
Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion Jewish Nationality _____

Occupation Former Prof. Scouter; U.S. Air Force 9/62-9/66

Education Attended Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn.

Weight 180 Color White Height 5'11½"

Color of hair Blond Color of eyes Blue

Outstanding characteristics or interests _____

Married or single Engaged Children _____
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date Reg'd.</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
Middlesex Council #344	Edison, N. J.		District Scout Executive	10/66	4/68

Special recognition _____

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:



Signed _____
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Ex-Boy Scout Leader Pleads Guilty to Morals Charges

N.B. Home News 12-3-68

A 28-year-old former Boy Scouts of America executive yesterday pleaded guilty in County Criminal Court to charges of impairing the morals of two minors earlier this year while recruiting cub scouts at Miller School in Old Bridge.

John P. Baklaar, of 124 John St., Highland Park, was charged with the offense which involved two 12-year-old boys March 23 and April 8.

Baklaar was represented in court by attorney John Hoag, of Highland.

Ex-Boy Scout Exec Must Take Therapy For Morals Offense

County Court Judge John B. Molineux yesterday placed a former Boy Scout of America executive who pleaded guilty in December to a charge of impairing the morals of a minor on probation for "the maximum term" but did not elaborate on how long a period that amounted to.

The defendant, John P. Baklaar, 29, formerly of John St., Highland Park, received the probationary sentence on the condition that he continue psychotherapy on an out-patient basis in the Tennessee College that he now attends.

Molineux also required that periodic reports on his treatment be sent to the court.

Baklaar was accused of impairing the morals of a 12-year-old Madison boy in his Highland Park apartment between March 23 and April 8, 1968. He met the boy as a Cub Scout recruiter in a Madison elementary school.

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Parents of a Scout have accused
John Bakelaar, district executive Middlesex
Council of homosexual activity with the
boy and others.

Bakelaar apparently attempted suicide
(chose from car exhaust, etc.) but was
apprehended in the effort by police.

There will be a hearing today 4/15
and it could hit the news. If there are
calls to this office, suggest we refer to
Ken Darr, SE, or to Wesley Parker DRSE
who is working on the situation



September 12, 1968

Mr. Peter C. Paulson
Regional Scout Executive
Region Two Office

Dear Pete:

Thanks so much for your note on John Bakelaar. It is good to know that he is making real progress.

We share with you the hope that his future is a good one but it certainly cannot be in Scouting.

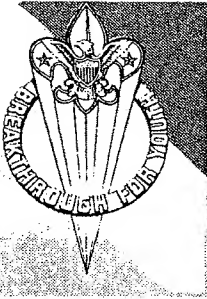
Sincerely,
PERSONNEL AND TRAINING
DIVISION

C. Otto Nimtz
Assistant Director

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FOR INTRA-ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATION

August 14, 1968

Mr. Jack L. Rhea
Director
Personnel & Training Division

Dear Jack:

This letter has to do with John Bakelaar who was a District Executive in the Middlesex Council.

He has been in to see me today -- (August 13) -- to ask whether or not he could come back to professional Scouting.

I told him my advice to him was this -- that it would be very bad for him to come back to the Boy Scout Movement or anything that had to do with boys, but rather to get into the kind of job where this association could not be possible. After a long conversation, he agreed with this.

He is under medical attention at the present time and getting straightened out and will be able to be a successful man in another field.

I have also told him that I would serve as a reference for him when he applies for position in other lines of work, that I would be very honest in this, tell the exact story as to what did happen and as a result of his illness, and also about his great strength as a district executive and effectiveness before that time.

Sincerely yours,

Peter C. Paulson
Regional Scout Executive

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EMPLOYMENT OR SEPARATION NOTICE

TO: PERSONNEL DIVISION
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.
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REGION 2

DATE April 25, 1968

FROM: COUNCIL NO. 344 HEADQUARTERS CITY Edison, New Jersey

TODAY WE HAVE ☐ EMPLOYED
☐ PROMOTED

(Name)

as:

- ☐ Scout Executive
- ☐ Assistant Scout Executive
- ☐ Director Field Service
- ☐ Field Director
- ☐ Program Director

- ☐ Director of _____
- ☐ Assistant Director of _____
- ☐ District Scout Executive
- ☐ Assistant District Scout Executive
- ☐ Other _____

(Must be approved by Personnel Director)

Date on Payroll _____

Annual Salary \$ _____

This man replaces _____

(Name)

☐ Copy of employment letter will follow.

☐ Check if this is a new position.

TODAY WE HAVE RECEIVED THE RESIGNATION OF

Name John P. Bakelaar

Title Southern District Executive

Current Home Address 124 Johnson Street, Highland Park, N. J.

Date off Payroll April 30, 1968

Current Salary \$7200

Reason for Separation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Promotion or Transfer | <input type="checkbox"/> Military Service | <input type="checkbox"/> *Work Unsatisfactory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Returned to School | <input type="checkbox"/> *To Teaching or Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> *Better Job |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Died or Retired | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Family or Health | <input type="checkbox"/> * |

*Requires a supplementary report from regional office.

Please give reasons and/or additional information See attached.

Should he have consideration for reemployment at a future date? See attached.

Why? _____

Date April 25, 1968

Signed *Samuel A. Baker*

Note: Mail yellow copy to your regional office; retain pink copy for your files.

☐ This is our last copy of this form. Please send additional supply.

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Personal and Confidential Report on
John P. Bakelaar

On Thursday morning, ^{April 11} our Assistant District Commissioner for Madison Township in the Southern District phoned me and advised me that apparently Bakelaar had been guilty of a morals offense against two scouts in Madison Township. He advised that he had been alerted by the Scoutmaster of [REDACTED], a 12 year old scout in Troop 6's. Sommers met the previous evening, April 10, with the boy, his father and Scoutmaster Dealy. The [REDACTED] boy implicated [REDACTED] of Troop 104. Sommers & Dealy contacted the immediate past scoutmaster of Troop 104 and the Troop's new scoutmaster and they visited the [REDACTED] boy - age 12 - and his parents along with the [REDACTED] boy and his father. The [REDACTED] boy had not told his parents, but broke down and revealed his experience when he learned that [REDACTED] had shared his experience with his father.

I was subsequently contacted by [REDACTED] mother Mrs. [REDACTED] and the Madison Township police who advised me that the incidents had occurred in Bakelaar's apartment in Highland Park. They advised that the Highland Park police were being contacted. Since our current president Benjamin Breca was out of town, I contacted immediate past president

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Robert L. Fuller and we agreed that Bakelaar should be immediately relieved of all responsibilities in the Council until this matter was fully investigated. Following this I met with Bakelaar about 3:30 PM and advised him that a morals complaint was being filed against him by at least two different boys. I advised him that if he needed either legal, medical, or psychiatric assistance, I was anxious to assist him in securing same. I also reminded him that on at least one occasion I had cautioned him about being seen travelling regularly - "overnight" types to camp with boys. His reaction to my comments was "It looks like ~~him~~ ^{we} all washed up." He further inquired as to what should be done in the best interest of scouting. I ~~advised~~ inquired as to whether he had any further scouting commitments before the weekend (this was the Thursday of Easter weekend). He had none. I suggested he consider himself relieved of all responsibilities with the Middlesex Council - but that he do nothing until I secure further information. I urged him again to face up to life if he had any serious problem and let us help.

Note: It should be noted that I had alerted Deputy Regional Executive Wes Parker, Warren Holm of the General Division, and Howard Boyd, Director of Registration, prior to speaking with Bakelaar.

I contacted the Highland Park police following my conference with Bakelaar and advised them of my reaction to the situation. They advised that they had spoken with the [redacted] boy, was waiting to hear from the [redacted] boy but that no complaint had been made. My next step was to arrange with District Chairman Fred Coleclough to meet both parents, which we did. We met with Mr & Mrs [redacted] the mother and step father of [redacted] but did not see [redacted]. The mother related a rather crude ~~sp~~ overnight experience for [redacted] in [redacted] Bakelaar's bed in his apartment, about three weeks previous. She knew Bakelaar and had had the fullest confidence in him. [redacted] was to have spent the night with Bakelaar so as to be on hand for an early Saturday morning life-saving course which Bakelaar was teaching for the Red Cross. She was very much upset over the "scar" left on her son and indicated she had filed a complaint. (This seemed to contradict Detective Ref's answer to my inquiry) Both parents indicated they wanted their son to continue in scouting - they held nothing against scouting.

In meeting [redacted] we spoke with the boy and his father. A wholesome father-son relationship permitted him sharing his experience with his dad. His experience had been on the previous weekend. He, [redacted] and one other boy went to camp with Bakelaar on Friday, April 5th to

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assist with a work day on Saturday. I was in camp that Friday night and Drew Bakelaar had brought these boys - although this was primarily an adult oriented work day. His district was also [redacted] then overnight session of Scout leader training. Both set of parents had understood the boys were to be home for church Sunday morning. (note: All activities were completed at camp Saturday afternoon) Bakelaar took [redacted] and [redacted] to his home apartment Saturday evening. The third boy went home with a man taking the training course. Bakelaar took the two boys for a pizza and a drive-in movie not far from the boys home Saturday night and then returned with them to his apartment. The [redacted] boy (who had his experience three weeks before) slept in the living room while Bakelaar had [redacted] go to bed with him. Apparently [redacted] did not permit as full an offensive treatment as was related to us by the [redacted] mother. District Chairman Colebaugh and I were reasonably convinced the offense was of a very serious nature.

The following day, Good Friday, I was in camp with our architect and contractor. Soon after my return home Friday evening, I received a call from the State Police in Western County advising that Bakelaar had attempted suicide by carbon monoxide. Only by a rare stroke of fate was he alive. Bakelaar's parents, who live in Green Port, Long Island

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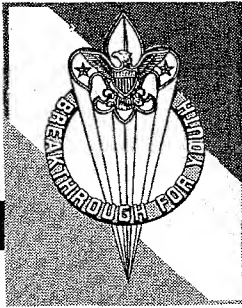
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had been advised and were on their way to the hospital. After advising D. R. S. E. Parker I went to the Highland Park Police and brought them up to date on all the information I had. At that time Detective Ref advised that he had filed a moral complaint against Bakelaar, based on information given by the boys. To protect the boys, neither their name or their parents were on the complaint. Detective Ref was helpful in discussing the various aspects of men with this problem.

Saturday morning District Chairman Colebaugh and I visited Bakelaar in the Warren Hospital. He was vague, we spoke with the State Policeman who had phoned me. He advised that he had shared the full story with Bakelaar's parents who were on their way to Highland Park to see me. He advised that Bakelaar would have a disorderly conduct charge in Warren County for the suicide attempt. Colebaugh and I returned to Highland Park and visited with Bakelaar's parents in his apartment. They had already visited the Highland Park Police and assured them of their fullest cooperation and sought their advice. I arranged for John Hoagland, a member of our board to serve as Bakelaar's attorney. I was impressed by the parents desire to do the right thing, they wanted their son to get the proper psychiatric help and preferred that it be at a hospital near their home.

On Friday, April 19th, Baker was released from the Warren Hospital, arraigned in Warren County and Highland Park and released in the custody of a Homey Hoagland on the condition that his parent had completed arrangements for his commitment to the Central Islip State Hospital in Central Islip, Long Island. He was committed there at 2 AM Saturday, April 20th. He must return upon discharge from the hospital to Highland Park and Warren County to face the charges against him.

Submitted by
Kenneth W. Ruvie



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FOR INTRA-ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATION

April 22, 1968

MR. JACK L. RHEA
PERSONNEL & TRAINING DIVISION

Personal & Confidential

Just to advise that John P. Bakelaar is being relieved as district executive of the Middlesex Council as a result of a serious morals case. There will be more information on this at a later date.

Ken Davis, the Scout Executive and Wes Parker, Deputy Regional Executive, have been handling the situation all the way through.

Peter C. Paulson
PETER C. PAULSON
REGIONAL SCOUT EXECUTIVE

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